GEORGE WASHINGTON CLIFT AND AMANDA CAROLINE FAUSCETT CLIFT

George Washington Clift was a son of George Washington Clift Sr. and Lovia Farley.

Born February 24, 1817 in Saunec Town, White County, Illinois.

Married Amanda Caroline Fauscett, July 9, 1844.

Died September 5, 1895 in Midway.

Amanda Caroline Fauscett, daughter of John Fauscett and Margaret Smith Fauscett.

Born Aug. 8, 1827 at Duck River, Murray County, Tennessee.

Married George Washington Clift, Jr.

Died July 11, 1906 in Midway.

George W. Clift and two of his brothers went to New York to begin life for themselves. They became separated in the new territory and never met again. The report was that the brothers went to California in the Gold Rush. George was baptized in the Mormon Church, Feb. 12, 1840 by Zenos H. Gurley and Y. Ramoth in Hancock County, Illinois. He started for Salt Lake City in June 1850 but stopped in Council Bluffs for a number of years. His company arrived in Salt Lake City, Oct. 5, 1860. He and his family attended Conference Oct. 6, and moved on to Provo the next day. April 27, 1863 he moved his family to Provo Valley and settled in the Upper Settlement on Snake Creek. Mr. Clift was a member of Joseph Smith's body guard and was an Indian War veteran.

When Mrs. Clift was three years old her family moved to Illinois, from there to Missouri where she was baptized. Her father was a member of Zion's Camp. She and her parents endured the persecutions of the Saints in Missouri. They returned to Illinois where she was married to George W. Clift. To them were born eleven children:

William died in youth
Mrs. Joseph (Eliza J.) Phelps
Mrs. Ira N. (Ellen F.) Jacobs
George A. married Sarah Henrietta Alexander
Mrs. Jesse (Amanda Jane) McCarrell
Mrs. David (Alzina) Marchant
John E. married Laura Watkins
Mrs. John (Mary M.) Watkins Jr.
Mrs. William John (Madora) Wilson
Mrs. Joseph (Vilate Lettie) Steven
Francis married Cecil Williamson.

ISAAC CUMMINGS AND SARAH JONES CUMMINGS

Isaac Cummings was born May 31, 1837, in Gibson County, Tenn., son of John and Rachel Canarda. Married Sarah Jones (born May 31, 1942, at Pennsville, Morgan County, Ohio, daughter of Elisha and Margaret Talbot Jones. Died Dec. 7, 1897, at Heber) April 4, 1860, in Provo. Died April 7, 1906, at Heber.

Isaac (Babe) Cummings was the third child of John and Rachel Canarda Cummings. He was born May 31, 1937, in Gibson County, Tennessee. When he was 15 years old (1852), he came with his parents across the plains to Utah. In 1859 he was among the first settlers in Heber Valley.

Isaac helped haul the cornerstone for the first permanent meetinghouse in Provo. He was one of 40 men sent to intercept Johnston's Army in 1857. He was in the Walker and Black Hawk Indian War.

When 23 years old, he married Sarah Jones, eighth child of Elisha and Margaret Talbot Jones. She was born May 31, 1842, at Pennsville, Morgan County, Ohio, and had come with her parents to Utah in 1850, in the Mather Caldwell company.

Sarah and Isaac were married April 4, 1860, in Provo, by Jonathan Duke, at Robert Duke's home. They made their home in Provo a short time and then returned to Heber, where they built a home—humble indeed, with a dirt floor and dirt roof. It was located at First West and Third North Sts. The house, remodeled, still stands today and is owned by Jay Jacobson.

As their family increased so did their material means. After 10 children were born to them, they moved to a home on Main Street at Second South, where the library now stands. Here two more children were born.

Their children were: Isaac Jr., Elisha, Rachel, Margaret, John, Elizabeth, William, Thomas, Joseph, Hyrum, Francis and Luella.

In 1867, with four small children, they went to Salt Lake and were sealed in the Endowment House.

Sarah Cummings, like many of her day, learned to shear sheep, wash and cord wool, spin into cloth and make the cloth into clothes. She did sewing for others besides her own family, and helped make burial clothes and did much tailoring, mainly men's suits. In the early years of her marriage she spent many hours gleaning in the wheat fields.

As times became better she was encouraged by her husband to take provisions to less fortunate families. They were especially kind to families whose fathers were on missions.

Throughout her life she was an active member in the Church. In 1892 she was chosen first counselor to Anna R. Duke in the Stake YWMIA. On June 12, 1895, she was chosen president of Heber West Ward Relief Society, and on September 23, 1895, she took the place of Mary Daybell as second counselor to Emma Brown in the Stake Relief Society.

The later years of her life were marked by a prolonged illness. Before her death, December 7, 1897, she had been confined to her bed 18 months. She was 55 years old.

Babe Cummings was bowed down in grief. He had been a good husband and now he was left with six unmarried children, the youngest just eight years old.

For eight years he managed to care for his children, with the help of married daughters and "hired girls." He died April 7, 1906, at the age of 68.